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In re Application of :
Jacob et al. :
Application Number: 10/673678 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: 09/29/2003 :
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NVDA/P002844 :

This is a decision on the petition styled under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and filed on 30 July, 2007, which is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 seeking waiver of 37 CFR 1.131 in that it requires that a declaration filed thereunder by signed by all inventors.¹

The petition is **granted**.

In view of the efforts recounted to obtained the signature of joint inventor. Rojit Jacob, it is agreed that justice would be served by waiving the requirement for his signature on the declaration filed under 37 CFR 1.131.

It is noted that the fee for a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 is \$400.00. Accordingly, the balance due has been charged to counsel's deposit account as authorized in the papers filed with the present petition.

The application is being referred to the Technology Center for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571.272.3231.

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¹ Once an application has received a fully executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 and been placed on the files for examination, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47 no longer apply. See MPEP 603.